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Dear Sir:

Before examining the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-35 and 49-50 without prejudice to their further prosecution.